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SUBJECT: SECOND INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON  
FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC  
FISHERIES

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REF: OTTAWA 1956 AND 1704

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF 18 GOVERNMENTS AS  
WELL AS THE EEC MET IN OTTAWA JUNE 6-7 TO CONTINUE  
DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MULTILATERAL FISHERIES COOPERATION  
IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE

SECOND REVISED DRAFT CONVENTION PREPARED BY THE GOC (COPIES POUCHED TO EMBASSIES IN MARCH). THE DRAFT CONVENTION PROVIDES FOR COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC AND JOINT MANAGEMENT OF STOCKS BEYOND EXTENDED FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONES OF COASTAL STATES THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF). U.S. DEL MET PRIVATELY WITH CANADIAN DEL PRIOR TO PLENARY TO PROPOSE TEXTUAL CHANGES. THE MAJOR U.S. CHANGES SUGGESTED INCLUDED: DEFINITION OF CONVENTION AND REGULATORY AREAS, GENERAL COUNCIL'S ROLE IN ESTABLISHING STATISTICAL AREAS, AND BASIS FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE DEFINITION OF CONVENTION AND REGULATORY AREAS TO EMPHASIZE THE SEPARATION OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FROM THAT OF JOINT MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. U.S. PROPOSALS REFLECTED CONCERN OF U.S. FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS THAT EXISTING TEXT MIGHT CONFLICT WITH EXCLUSIVE U.S. MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. FURTHER, THE U.S. DEL POINTED OUT THAT THE EQUATION CONTAINED IN CANADIAN DRAFT TEXT FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION IS INEQUITABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE. THE U.S. OFFERED ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL THAT CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE TWO INITIAL FINANCIAL YEARS OF THE SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION BE MAINTAINED AT 1976 ICNAF CONTRIBUTION LEVELS, DURING WHICH TIME THE CONTRACTING PARTIES MIGHT ARRIVE AT A MORE EQUITABLE FORMULA.

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3. U.S. PROPOSALS GENERALLY WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE CANADIAN DEL IN PRIVATE AND AT PLENARY, BUT MET OPPOSITION AMONG OTHER DELEGATIONS (I.E. THE EEC AND PORTUGAL) DURING PLENARY. PORTUGAL AND THE EEC EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR A CLEARLY DEFINED CONVENTION AREA, ARGUING THAT THE EXISTING FORMULATION IN NO WAY IMPINGES ON U.S. MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY WITHIN THE U. S. ZONE. PORTUGAL AND THE EEC ALSO LED BROADER OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. FEE PROPOSAL, ARGUING THAT RETENTION OF THE ICNAF FUNDING SCHEME IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT NEW FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE IN PLACE FROM THE START. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH EEC AND PORTUGUESE DELS, U.S. DEL WAS UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. SOVIET DEL VOICED BASIC SUPPORT FOR U.S. FUNDING APPROACH AND PRIVATELY INDICATED THEY HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH OTHER U.S. PROPOSALS.

4. ALTHOUGH OTHER ITEMS OF LESSER INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES WERE DISCUSSED BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLENARY, THE

CONSENSUS WAS THAT OUTSTANDING ISSUES WOULD BEST BE LEFT TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11-21, 1977 IN OTTAWA.

5. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH CANADIAN DEL FOLLOWING MEETING, GOC STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF PLENARY DISCUSSIONS, IT DOES NOT INTEND TO CIRCULATE A REVISED TEXT PRIOR TO OCTOBER DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. GOC AGAIN INDICATED IT WOULD BE WILLING TO INCORPORATE THE SUBSTANCE OF U.S. CONCERNS IN EITHER A CANADIAN OR JOINT U.S.-CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE.

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6. FULL REPORT OF MEETING, INCLUDING VARIOUS DELEGATION

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